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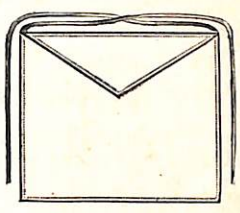

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HOTEL ORLEANS, ESTHERVILLE,
Headquarters of El-Kahir Temple March 22, 1900.

SECTION I., TITLE XXXV.

We have referred to this matter previously but wish now to call attention to this Section of Grand Encampment Law. The Grand Master (Lloyd) has promulgated an *interpretation*, which, until reversed by the G. E. is LAW. He holds that demitted Master Masons (who are K's T.) must get back into good standing *in the Lodge and Chapter*, the prerequisite bodies to the Orders, or undergo the *penalty* of losing his Templar standing. This law has been operative ever since six months after the Triennial at Pittsburgh, and there are a large number of Knights in Iowa *now* affected by the law. Get from under Fratres. We have however one plea, which, God willing, we shall urge upon the attention of the Representatives to the Conclave at Louisville in 1901, it is the relation of involuntary non-affilliates. It is not an isolated point, but pertinent that men whose well-intentioned purpose is to remove their Lodge and Chapter membership to the place of a new residence, and in the process *are stopped*. To compel such to lose their rights, is under this generally good law, unfair and a grievous hardship. Nothing should be done to uphold the class who will not prefer charges against offenders but will use their influence to throw an adverse ballot against an application for affilliation. We'd make that law to include the privilege of transferring membership without the ballot or not less, in all the bodies, than a majority against.

Among the Lodges.

Iowa Masonry is alive.

The Lodges are doing well.

Both lodges at Ft. Madison are doing work. Good and square.

The District Schools under M. W. Bro. G. B. Van Saun are a success.

In Pennsylvania "lodge funds cannot be used to entertain those who are not Masons."

The Craft at Estherville are at work. They had three applicants on the way last month.

Grand Master Lambert is busy at present as a venerable state senator leading his side of that body.

Efforts are being made to form and open a lodge at Delta, Iowa, with good prospects of success. Delta is a good town.

In England one may be a member of more than one lodge at the same time—here it is difficult often to belong to one.

Pennsylvania was the only jurisdiction that refused to take part in the Washington Memorial Ceremonies at Mt. Vernon.

There is a "colored" lodge in Halifax, N. S., working regularly under a charter from the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction.

We notice that the "Standard" of New York publishes prelections of the "Ancient and Primitive Rite of Memphis" known as Ancient Egyptian Masonry.

At Riverside the Lodge has been doing some work. Some clouds overhang the skies, but time, we trust, will find out the right.

Colorado has raised a board of "Custodians of the work." Their decisions as to the interpretation of the ritual for their jurisdiction are to be final.

Grand Secretary Parvin is still improving but not able to be out in the rugged winter weather. Iowa Masons all wish him well.

We are glad to report that old No. 5, of Wapello, Iowa, shows no signs of age or decay—during 1899 she raised nine and is averaging one a month now.

The "Masonic Home Journal" publishes a full list of Masters and Secretaries of the Kentucky lodges. The "Bulletin" of Iowa might well do the same.

Bro. James I. Buchanan of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been elected an honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Masonic Fraternity of Mexico.—*Rambo, in Taggart's Times.*

Palestine Lodge, Detroit, Mich., has its own special lappel button, and it is a beautiful one too. This is the body that has a by-law providing for "permanent visiting members" who pay $2 per annum. The privileges are the same as local members, except voting.

HOW'S THIS.

THE OLD CHARGES.

Now it is an undoubted fact, from 1723 to the present time, that the Grand Lodge of England has never accepted these "Charges" as possessing any legislative authority or as representing the laws for the government of the modern Brotherhood, * * but only as indicative of the character of the obsolete "Old Charges" of the operative regime. With occasional alterations the "Charges" of 1722 have been inserted in all our Books of Constitutions from 1723 to 1896, but never as Regulations passed for the guidance and control of the Craft.

This being so, it is clear that these "Charges" are simply and exclusively intended as specimens, archæologically considered, of the usages and customs of the society anterior to the Grand Lodge era, but which, even prior to the last century, were looked upon as absolete and were not used as obligatory laws, as formerly.—*Wm. J. Hughan.*

ASK THE BENEFICIARIES.

Ask the beneficiaries of the Masonic Homes if Masonry is but a hollow mockery of empty ritualism.—*Texas Freemason.*

Why not ask also if the benefits might not be still greater by a little wholesome progress.

RICHARD WILBER DEAD.

Among the staunchest friends we ever had while living in Mason City, we found Deacon Richard Wilber, Esq. We were surprised and deeply grieved to see by the press that he died suddenly Feb. 11, 1900, while sitting with his estimable wife at home reading his bible. A devout churchman, a prominent lawyer and an enthusiastic Mason. He has passed to his rest and we mourn his loss.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Conducted by G. B. Van Saun, G. C.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Fairfield, March 22, 23, 24, 1900.
Albia, March 26, 27, 28, 1900.
Bloomfield, March 29, 30, 31, 1900.
Lodges No. 10 14 15 16 21 40 42 50 56 73 86 104 119 198 217 252 269 317 358 413 461 480 504 505 526.

DISTRICT NO. 19.

Corydon, April 9, 10, 11, 1900.
Osceola, April 12, 13, 14, 1900.
Lodges No. 63 77 78 91 109 152 170 183 189 193 212 228 301 344 355 372 375 410 414 437 438 443 483 554.

DISTRICT NO. 20.

Bedford, April 16, 17, 18, 1900.
Greenfield, April 19, 20, 21, 1900.
Lodges No. 138 151 156 179 215 275 320 343 348 354 386 396 403 458 459 484 515 522 539 555 558.

DISTRICT NO. 21.

Shenandoah, April 23, 24, 25, 1900.
Villisca, April 26, 27, 28, 1900.
Lodges No. 137 140 153 162 253 270 285 300 341 360 373 378 379 405 412 439 453 481 493.

The Royal Arch.

The young and vigorous Chapter at Estherville has kept rolling up the exaltations until they have nearly seventy companions. Four advancing and three applications last month.

Monona Chapter No. 115, of Mapleton, exalted a team in December and another in February. Good work.

The Chapters all over Iowa are doing well.

The Grand Chapter of New York met in 103rd annual convocation Feb. 6 and 7.

The Chapter at Ft. Madison is having applications and more are to follow.

In the Commanderies

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4.

APARTMENTS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR STATE OF IOWA,
BURLINGTON, IOWA, Feb. 19, 1900.

To the Knights Templar of Iowa:

Again, and for the third time, within a few short months are we called upon to make announcement of the death of a member of the Grand Commandery of Iowa:

"Em. Sir Robert Lee Clarke, Grand Captain General, 1878, died at his home in Des Moines, Wednesday, February 7, 1900. Born in Streetsboro, Portage county, Ohio, April 2, 1838."

At the request of the Eminent Sir Knight, the funeral services were in charge of the Masonic fraternity and very largely attended. Pioneer Lodge, No. 22, A. F. and A. M. conducting the ceremonies, Temple Commandery, No. 4, acting as an honorary escort.

During his long and active life Sir Clarke held stations of dignity and responsibility, for a number of years being private secretary to the governor of Iowa, and though deeply and earnestly concerned in the duties and affairs of life, his was a nature in which the world's craze of selfishness and self-gain held no place, better and nobler impulses formed the basis of his character, his kindly and generous instincts naturally attracted him to and awakened in him a deep and abiding interest in our beloved order, an interest which never flagged or abated. His Masonic record shows continuous and meritorious service of many years for the cause he loved so well.

Truly it is said of him that whether in the busy haunts of men or in the secluded retreat of the asylum he was the same whole-souled, genial gentleman.

"The earth may ring, from shore to shore,
With echoes of a glorious name,
But he whose loss our tears deplore
Has left behind him more than fame."

In remembrance of the respect and regard we cherish for the memory of our de-

parted frater this order will be read at the head of the lines at the next regular conclave and the customary badge of mourning be displayed.

Attest: [SEAL] J. H. PETTIBONE,
ALF. WINGATE, *Grand Commander.*
Grand Recorder

The Commandery at Ft. Madison is prosperous and in common with the other Masonic bodies occupies a fine suite centrally located.

From Sir Knight Swords, of Iowa City, we learn that they have five in his Commandery coming right along.

E. C. Sir R. L. Tilton, of Ottumwa, looks forward to some aggressive work for his Commandery.

Patmos No. 27, Marion, has had work during February.

Apollo No. 26, Cedar Rapids, is not idle.

The Eastern Star.

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of the husband of Sister Nettie Rausford, editor of "The Eastern Star." May the Lord look with favor upon that home.

It was our privilege to witness the work in the Chapter at Ft. Madison on February 20—done in a creditable manner too. They are alive.

They have a live Chapter at Wapello, and we are informed that they have work on hand.

Scottish Rite.

In the selection of Ill. Thomas J. Bishop as thrice potent grand master of Ineffable and Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., the lodge made a wise choice and one that will bring honor to the craft. Brother Bishop is recognized as one of the best ritualists in the fraternity and through his efforts several Masonic bodies have been brought to their highest standing. During his term as grand master, new life will be installed into the lodge and at an early date members can expect work in the several grades as it was performed under Ill. James H. Kelly when he was master—work that has never since been equalled in this valley.—*Albany Journal.*

The Lodge of Perfection of which Ill. T. J. Bishop was elected T. P. Master, was chartered in 1767—an old lodge, but Tom is one of the young men of the day.

The bodies of the Rite at Clinton, Des Moines and Davenport each held successful reunions lately.

The revival throughout the country in the S. R. degrees is general and the interest seems to be growing.

THE PRICE OF IT.

Ignorance in Masonry, in our opinion, cannot be condoned either in officers or members. There are nearly a hundred Masonic publications in the United States, ranging in price from 50 cents to $2 a year, any one of which, by constant reading, would break off the rough corners of ignorance and polish the mind to such a degree that the possessor thereof would behold beauties in Masonry of which he never dreamed. His mind would become enlarged, and he would gradually add standard works to his reading, and he would soon find himself lost in the happiness of Masonic literature. And as he reads and becomes enlightened, jealousy and superstition will pass away, backbitings and bickerings will become a thing of the past, honesty and plain dealing will distinguish his every action, and the heart and tongue will join in promoting each other's welfare. Masonry will never be what it was designed until we become students instead of parrots.—*Bun F. Price.*

MARK WELL.

Brethren who talk about each other never know where the talk will end. Many a man has been not only hurt in feeling, but damaged in reputation by a criticism, born of a misapprehension of fact. Such a criticism or defamatory story grows by repetition, until it assumes giant proportions, and ultimates in branding a man for life. Such criticisms are un-Masonic. Far better approach the brother and stand face to face with him, if you think he is guilty, in order to bring about a reformation.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.
Cedar Rapids, June 5, 1900.

THOS. LAMBERT....Sabula.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
Iowa, Grand, Des Moines, October 16, 1900.
B. F. PARKER...Dubuque.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 10, 1900.
J. H. PETTIBONE...Burlington..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.,) Sept., 1900, Cincinnati.
Iowa, Oct. —, 1900, Des Moines.
MRS. M. B. RATHBUN..Clinton.....GRAND MATRON
A. J. Small.....Des Moines.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Washington, D. C., May 22, 1900.
JOHN H. ATWOOD, Leavenworth, Kan IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
F. O. EVANS.....Des Moines.2.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

GIVE US A DIGEST.

Why don't some wise and accomplished Mason prepare a Digest of the Laws, Rules and Regulations—on standard subjects—which, however condensed in form, would be highly valuable. We know of one copy "spoke for now," at a reasonable price.

Still at labor.

Cane gone, no dude yet, though.

The winter blanket of white is over Iowa but the Lodges are not asleep.

If all were written that might be said about individuals using their Masonry politically we'd be smudging all the time.

We know a young editor (not Masonic) whose paper has been boycotted by the "ring" because he played the part of a faithful friend in warning his brothers to desist from their evil ways. His chickens are roosting at home now.

Why any Mason should object to "The Fraternal Tie" article is a query we can't answer. The Order mentioned would not imply any reflection, and the emblem is worn by others than the Rite he may imagine was meant. How sensitive men from some localities are anyhow lately.

In common with our contemporaries we feel that the courtesy of the "Quarterly Bulletin of the Iowa Masonic Library," in giving a short review of our contents, should be appreciated. The Bulletin is a useful adjunct to the Library and to Masonry in general. Published quarterly at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 50 cents a year.

LOCUST MASONS.

There are many varieties of Masons, but there is one kind in particular which deserves a passing comment. We refer to the locust Mason. This Mason seldom attends the meetings of his lodge on ordinary occasions, but the announcement that the lodge will serve refreshments brings him forth in all his glory. It is said that locust Masons have been known who could distinguish the odor of coffee at very long range, particularly when it came from a Masonic lodge room. When they reach the lodge room they usually sit around the anteroom and tell stories until the work is over, and the eagerness with which they help confer the knife and fork degree would impress a stranger with the idea that the lodge could not exist without them. It is a sad commentory that many lodges are unable to get a quorum to satisfactorily confer a degree unless due and timely notice is given that there will be refreshments. —*Illinois Freemason.*

The Mystic Shrine.

EL-KAHIR TO ESTHERVILLE.

The Potentate and Recorder went to Estherville February 16th, and arranged for a northwestern Shrine blow-out, to be held there on March 22d, which promises to out-blow anything that ever blew down the river in that section. The Nobles there mean business and will show us a time that will make the hair stand on a bald man's head.

Frank M. Miller is chairman, and N. B. Egbert is secretary of the local committee. The usual low rate of fare on the railroad, and proprietor Noble G. H. Woodhouse of the new Orleans hotel says we can have the house at the $1.50 a day rate. You had better write to him if you want a room. Among the gooddies we can look for is the testing of a new air-ship that has never lit before—its a bird.

The work will be done in the opera house, the banquet will be spread at the Orleans. Grab your fez, don your duster, tie your sandals, pin on your claws, and connect with the train leaving Cedar Rapids on the B., C. R. & N. at 8:20 A. M., March 22.

The parade will be about 4:00 P. M. and the hot things will begin to fly at 7:30. Don't miss it or you will regret it. No cold feet, no cold rooms; hot sand in plenty, hot stuff generally. Tugelang.

BLACK SHRINERS.

We have the minutes of the seventh annual session of the Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America, Africa and Dependencies, held at Cleveland, Ohio, August 9, 1899. Twenty-seven Temples report 464 Nobes and the per capita amounted to $116.00. These black Shriners have invaded Africa—having a Temple of their Order at Monrovia, Liberia. The Temple located at Cedar Rapids does not appear on the list, so Noble Raspberry must have let his Temple fall down.

The Nobility are affected to go to Washington in large numbers in May.

February is a great month.

For the same reason as last month we must defer our Shrine History one month more.

El-Kahir is booked for Estherville for March 22— while Clinton, Perry and Waterloo are inquiring for dates, and other places are in sight.

Cypress Temple of Albany, is planning for the Washington trip in force. Tom Bishop will be there and he's a delegation of himself. Shake, T. J.

We willingly concede to the "Masonic Standard" of New York, the first place among the journals of the Craft to-day. Hunt & Duncan are a well matched team.

Mecca, N. Y., held no regular session in February. The "Standard" says the month is too short for Shriners. February 8 was ladies' night; February 22 there was a theatre party.

Order of Isis.

An "annex" Court of Daughters of Isis is being organized at Geneva, N. Y., auxiliary to Damascus Temple, Roshester. The assumption that a Crescent with the rituals of the Crescent Order of Isis would have made them auxiliary to El-Kahir is erroneous, as by order of that Temple a convention will be held at Cedar Rapids to separate the Order into an independent existence. Either way the white fez will go all right wherever the daughters appear.

A Court of the Order of Isis was instituted in Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y., recently. The same ultimate separation of the Order to its own management is inferred in the "Union and Advertiser," whose paragraph we have before us.

A convention of representatives of the Order of Isls while so many of them are in Washington next May, is a necessity which we hope "Mother Mecca" will lead off in providing for. El-Kahir Court and her Crescents will respond heartily.

Fraternities.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

Iowa Fraternal Congress is now among the things that are—Will M. Narvis of Muscatine, is president. Its meetings are annual and it is auxiliary to the National Fraternal Congress. Membership, $10.00.

President Mabie, of the Northwestern Life, has towed in another assessment company, "The Masonic Mutual Benefit," of Topeka, Kan.

The Northern Life, formerly the Northern Fraternal, of Marshalltown, is absorbed by a Minnesota company, and Secretary Hibbein takes charge as Iowa manager.

BOOK TABLE.

We have the official directory of the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine, from Imperial Recorder B. W. Rowell, Boston, Mass.

A neat Masonic Directory of Mapleton, Iowa, comes to hand. It also gives the list of Knights Templar and Shriners in Mapleton.

We have the proceedings of the "Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North and South America, Africa and its Dependencies," for 1899, from Noble Magnus L. Robinson, of Alexandria, Va., Imperial Recorder.

From Comp. James H. Price, Wilmington, Del., the proceedings of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Deleware for 1900.

The neat and tasty report and addresses of Garden City Lodge, No. 141, Chicago, for 1899, reaches us from Bro. Gil W. Barnard.

The Palestine Annual for 1900, is a handsomely gotten up affair, as our copy testifies. Palestine is a Detroit Lodge, and a live one, too.

BROTHER "JOE."

I chanced to be at Rottingdean upon a little trip;
I met a fellow mason there and gave the man the grip;
"What ho!" I said, "my Rudyard." But his look was cold as snow;
"My name, you ought to understand," he said, "is Brother Joe."

O, it's Rudyard this, and Kipling that, with poems, tales and such,
And Rudyard Kipling is a name that can't be known too much.
O, it's Rudyard this, and Kipling that, with any writing dodge,
But it's Brother Joseph Kipling when he joins a blooming lodge.

I went into a library to get a book to read,
The man behind the counter asked, "What is it, sir, you need?"
"I want," I said, "the latest thing that Joseph Kipling's done."
"Go on!" he said, "You're having me. Joe Kip? There isn't one!"

O, it's Brother Joe, and Joseph, when insignias are out,
And knives and forks are busy and the bottle goes about.
It's "Brother Joe from India" wherever the Masons throng,
But it's Rudyard Kipling only, when he writes a blooming song.

KIPLING'S SIGN TOKEN.

ITS ROMANTIC ORIGIN.

Investigations by The Globe Kipling Club Reveal a Marvelous Story.

The origin of Rudyard Kipling's sign token is not generally known outside of India. To see the mystic sign on the title page of a book means that the reader will be delighted beyond measure, but what it means beyond that—its intrinsic significance—is another story.

Mr. Kipling himself has the token engraved in an emerald signet ring, and his private letters bear this impression on the seal. He has not told the public what it means, and consequently the public, greatly interested in Mr. Kipling and his belongings, are greatly exercised over it. Several ingenious fictionists have invented stories to explain it, but none of them has touched

the truth. Mr. Kipling did not find this sign graved on a scarab taken from an Egyptian mummy of an ancient period, neither did he copy it from the esoteric books of a Thibetan theosophic circle.

The truth of the matter is that Mr. Kipling got the mysterious sign in the east, and not far from India. A clue to its origin may be found in the story of "The Man Who Would Be King," the thrilling tale of a venturesome Irishman who penetrated far into the hills of Afghanistan and found there a tribe of white men with blue eyes and flaxen hair. The Irishman found that Masonry was an institution among them. but that none of them had gone beyond the third degree. Being a 33d degree man himself, he introduced the tribe to some of the higher branches of the order, and became King, as he intended to do when he set out from India.

One day there was a crisis; the heathen rebelled against the Irishman's arrogance, and he was in a fair way to be shortened by the head. He happened to be in the temple of a one-eyed god at the time and was sitting on the god's pet pedestal. Just as things were growing warm he upturned the pedestal, and there, graven in the stone, was the mysterious Masonic token which Mr. Kipling uses as a sign manual. The Irishman happened to have the same sign tattooed on his arm, and so he established his claim to the god's seat and saved his own life and authority.

In after times he was deposed and killed, and the comrade who had accompanied him escaped from the country after incredible adventures.

It seems particularly fitting that the sign which saved "The Man Who Would Be King" is now used by the man WHO IS KING in prose and verse throughout the English-speaking world.—*Press.*

A true brother or friend is not the man to hear your integrity assailed or your honor questioned without speaking in your favor, but content himself by "bearing you the news." There is no mark of friendship in that, but, on the contrary, an evidence of cowardice thoroughly in keeping with his dwarfed ideas of honor as brotherly love. A true friend will stand up for you under any and all circumstances, and see you righted, if you have been wronged. He will first place himself on record with your assailants, and then take the matter up with you.—*Trestle Board.*

A lodge in Detroit, Michigan, is about to organize a Fides club. We learned that the "ancients worshipped deity under the name of Fides, which we sometimes see represented by two right hands joined; also by two human figures holding each other by the right hand." The purpose of this club is to give the "glad hand" to the occasional lodge attendant and to stimulate Masonic fellowship among the brethren.

There are 4,298 Master Masons in good standing in St. Louis.

The blue lodges in Texas care for 100 orphan children.

The blue lodges in Tennessee provide for 110 widows and orphans.

Louisiana taxes each member of the craft $1.50 for Grand Lodge dues.

A DELIGHTFUL TRIP.

Members and their families attending the Convention of the Mystic Shrine in Washington in May next can enjoy an exceedingly pleasant trip on the historic Potomac river and Chesapeake Bay, on the elegant palace steamers of the Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Co., leaving Washington every day in the year at 6:30 P. M., arriving at Old Point Comfort the next morning at 7:00 o'clock, and Norfolk at 8:00; returning, leave Norfolk at 5:45 P. M., and Old Point Comfort at 6:45, arriving in Washington the next morning at 7:00 o'clock. This trip will be found to be the most enjoyable side-trip from Washington that can be had. An opportunity is afforded to visit the famous summer resorts of Old Point Comfort, Virginia Beach and Ocean View. A special rate of $3.50 will be made for delegates and their families. Any other information desired can be obtained by addressing

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